

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**  
**Work Assignment ES002**  
***Lower Darby Creek Area Site***



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**Telephone:** (b) (6)  
**Type of Interview:** Telephone  
**Date of Interview:** December 27, 2002

On December 27, 2002, the WITNESS was interviewed by telephone by [Nonresponsive based on revised scope]  
of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

A letter of introduction and an aerial photograph of the Folcroft Landfill were mailed to the WITNESS after the telephone interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the Site.

The WITNESS stated that from 1972 to 1974, he was a graduate student at Penn State University. The WITNESS stated that he worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Tinicum while he was conducting research for his master's thesis.

The WITNESS stated that his master's thesis was a study of the migration of water fowl on Darby Creek. The WITNESS stated that from 1972 to 1974, he spent numerous days walking and canoeing on Darby Creek and parts of the Folcroft Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that as part of his research he took many photographs of the Darby Creek area including the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he also took aerial photographs of the Folcroft Landfill while it was in operation. The WITNESS stated that he has these photographs filed at his residence and will make copies of all of his photographs and send them to the interviewer.

The WITNESS stated that he took water samples of Darby Creek and soil samples in and around the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that the findings of these soil samples are included in his thesis and he agreed to provide a copy of the thesis.

When asked if he recalled any specific transporters disposing of waste on the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that he recalls numerous trucks on the landfill, but did not know any specific names. The WITNESS stated that his photographs might have close-up photographs of some of the trucks that were on the landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he did observe employees on the Folcroft Landfill operating a dragline. He indicated that he would sometimes observe this dragline taking mud from the banks of Darby Creek and use this mud as fill to cover waste.

When asked if he had any first hand knowledge of spills or disposal activities at Folcroft, the WITNESS provided the following.

The WITNESS stated that in 1972, an oil tanker on the Delaware River collided with a barge and a large amount of oil and tar spilled into the Delaware River adjacent to Darby Creek and Folcroft. The WITNESS stated that Darby Creek is a tidal waterway and that when the tide came in, Darby Creek received a large amount of this spill. The WITNESS stated that he has numerous photographs of birds with black tar.

When asked the name of the oil tanker, the WITNESS stated that he did not know. However, he indicated that there were numerous news articles about the spill at the time and the ownership of the oil tanker was named.

When asked the names of other individuals that may have knowledge of waste disposal activities at the Site, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Dave Erickson: The WITNESS stated that Erickson was a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee at the time he was conducting his research and was on the Folcroft Landfill property often.

The WITNESS stated that Ken Chitwood was the manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office at Tinicum at the time. The WITNESS stated that Mr. Chitwood is deceased.

The WITNESS agreed to mail the photographs and a copy of his water and soil sample results by early January 2003.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)